

In relation to 03-187, I urge you to please:

- 1) begin a systematic review of communication tower and bird mortality issues;
- 2) institute a research program, funded by the communications industry, to identify tower placement, design and lighting conditions that result in bird mortality;
- 3) undertake environmental reviews of all existing towers to assess their placement and design with regard to migratory bird impacts;
- 4) require that all proposed towers be subjected to rigorous environmental reviews;
- 5) implement immediate protections based on existing knowledge, such as the voluntary tower siting and placement guidelines developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.